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Sir:

This subject Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in connection with applicants' continuing duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

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The relevant documents are listed in the attached Form PTO-1449.

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